

New York, Feb. 21st, 1849.

Dear Doct^r -

Your letter of the 17th (postmarked 19th) reached me yesterday - but I was in too much pain from toothache to answer it immediately. I saw Maj. Emory last Friday night. He had expected to sail the next day, but was prevented by some delay in obtaining funds. He went back to Washington - I wish he were again to day. It is his purpose to embark in the next packet for Chagres. When I saw him last week I had no expectation that Wright would go with him - nor ~~did~~ the Major. I had not found any one in town who was qualified to go as botanist, or ^{or} geologist. He said that a gentleman (one of his staff) was to remain here, & proceed to Panama on the 14th March. This I thought would give me time to send for Dr. Parry - so I sent

a telegraphic dispatch to him the next day (Saturday last). This would only go as far as St. Louis - but was to be forwarded to Davenport (Iowa) from that place. Had I known that Wright would have gone - he should have had my recommendation. What a pity my letter was mislaid by Grant! If Parry declines - a cannot reach in time, I will take the responsibility of sending Wright in his place - should he be willing to go. Indeed I will endeavour to make an arrangement with Maj. Emory to that effect.

How sorry I am that I missed seeing Mr Ch. Loring? It would have given me great pleasure to have shown him attending when he was in New York. I happened to be absent in Princeton when he called - If he had left town when I returned.

Miss Harvey (a daughter of the late Asa Harvey) informs me that her uncle is expected out next summer - say, about the first of August. He would remain in the country six

or eight months if he could defray his expenses by one or more courses of lectures. Would Mr. Lovell engage him for the Irish next winter? He could give a course quite distinct from yours - & I am told that he is a very good lecturer! If ^{he} ~~you~~ were engaged in Boston, I think ~~we~~ might obtain a small class for him in New York.

Have you my copy of Burnett's Outlines? I have lost sight of it for some time. I think it probable I may have lent it to you. Now of then I have a desire to consult it.

Carey was in last evening, & to day. I have just made him a canful of the new glue. It seems to do very well. Love to Jane - Yours cordially

John Torrey



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